

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 20-21, for the purpose of continued prosecution in this application.

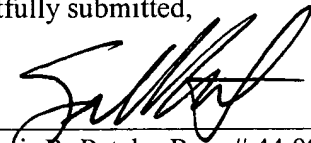
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in response to the restriction requirement.

An early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

If any fee is required with this submission, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

Respectfully submitted,

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